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CSBG Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2006
700 N. 10th Street
Sacramento, CA

Roll Call:

Colusa-Glenn-Trinity Community Action Agency
Community Action Partnership of Kern
Community Action Partnership of Orange County
Community Action of Napa Valley
California Nevada Community Action Partnership
Community Action Agency of San Mateo County, Inc.
Contra Costa County Community Services Department
Northern California Indian Development Council, Inc.
Economic Opportunity Council of San Francisco, Inc.
La Cooperativa Campesina de California
Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency
Madera County Community Action Agency
Merced County Community Action Agency
Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County, Inc.
California Human Development Corporation
Central Valley opportunity Center, Inc,
Community Action Agency of Butte County, Inc.
Economic Opportunity Council of San Francisco
Department of Community Action, County of Riverside
Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County
San Joaquin County Department of Aging, Children's and Community Services
Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission

Director's Report:

Meeting was called to order by (Acting) Director, Wendy Wohl, 9:30am

The Director reported that the President has again zeroed CSBG funding from the federal 2006/2007 budget. Tim Reese of Cal-Neva made a point of the importance of contacting the California representatives in the House of Representatives to let them know that they need to support CSBG funding.

The Director distributed the new 2005 CSBG fact sheet which shows statewide data for services delivered. She also distributed the Congressional Committee sheet which shows all House and Senate funding and the policy committees and members that hear CSBG programs.

An update on the Disaster Planning being undertaken by CSD was discussed. The CSBG Performance Assessment Blue Ribbon Task Force was also brought up by Wendy for discussion and she explained that CSD had received many applications to be on the Task Force and that the final decisions would be made in the next couple of weeks.

SB 1376 –

The update on SB 1376 was given by Fred Drew, Cal-Neva President.

The latest draft version was distributed to all attendees. Major points made were:

1. The bill ultimately does away with minimum funding
2. 2005 funding level for currently minimum funded agencies stays at current level if there is a reduction in federal funding before an increase moves minimum funded agencies up to \$ 250K
3. Once a minimum funding level of \$ 250K is reached by all agencies, increases and decreases in total federal funding shall be proportionately allocated among all agencies.
4. Comments and concerns with the bill should be referred to the legislative process or brought to the attention of Tim Reese at Cal Neva.

SB 1214 –

The update on SB1214 was given by Renee'Webster Hawkins, CSD Legal Counsel. Major points made were that the bill had been stripped down to the legislative hearing portion. The Senate Health and Human Services Committee consultant is looking for another solution. Senator Alquist is looking for a place-holder bill or perhaps we can find another bill to tie into for the additional clean-up. CSD will continue facilitating discussion with the network on the clean-up language assuming a place holder will be found. Renee' will distribute the latest draft to the network by April 28th for review and comment.

Discussion of Community Action Month:

Public Information Officer, Judy Burns discussed national Community Action Month (May). She distributed a CSD draft request to the Governor's office requesting a state proclamation similar to the national proclamation. Judy also asked that agencies who have developed a local "fact" sheet and/or have Community Action month activities scheduled, please e-mail a copy of the fact sheet and brief description of activities planned to her at jburns@csd.ca.gov. Ms. Burns is available to assist with press releases or planning with regard to Community Action Month. She referenced the NASCSP and CAP websites for planning guides for Community Action Month. (All handouts distributed at the meeting are also posted on CSD website at www.csd.ca.gov)

Association Reports:

Tim Reese of Cal-Neva gave a brief report on where they are at in the legislative process with SB1376.

Automation:

Update on EARS Implementation was given by Leslie Taylor of the Community Services Division announcing that agencies would be able to enter their CSBG fiscal reports electronically beginning next week.

Designation of a new CAA for the Pasadena area:

A report on the process and timelines developed by CSD was given by Pamela Harrison of the Community Services Division. The projected date for the release of the Request for Proposal (RFP) is May 1, 2006. Notices were sent out to the mayors of each of the cities in the Pasadena area advising that the department would release an RFP and soliciting names of organizations that should receive the RFP. CSD will also be holding a public hearing to receive testimony from the low-income on the services and activities they feel the prospective Community Action Agency (CAA) should administer. CSD projects to select the CAA by August and the agency would begin delivering services in January 2007.

T and TA Partnership:

Jeanette Nelson, (Acting) Chief Deputy Director, gave an update on the progress of the T/TA Partnership and announced that the next meeting was taking place on April 25, 2006 with LaCooperativa, Cal-Neva, Bay Area Poverty Council and the Northern California Indian Development Council to hammer out the details of the partnership.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm

